

REMARKS AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

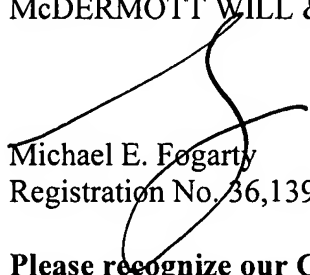
In response to the Office Action, Applicant elects Embodiment XIII as specified in the Office Action, and identified claims 14-18 and new claim 25 as reading thereon. In the preliminary amendment, claims 15, 17 and 18 have been amended, and new claim 25 has been added. Claims 1-13 and 19-24 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Support for new claim 25 can be found, for example, in Fig. 2 of the specification. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's willingness to consider claims 15, 16, 18 and 25 in the new Amendment as was indicated during a telephone conversation concerning the application conducted on December 16, 2005.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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